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Birds of Wings Abreast

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YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE TO SEE HIEKI'S TATTOOS.

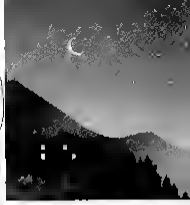
I WANT TO KNOW
NO MATTER WHAT...
WHAT IS THE SUBSTANCES INJECTED INTO THE SKIN THAT CAN GIVE SUCH COLOR?
SUCH VIVID COLOR
I HEARD ABOUT ONE KIND OF TATTOO.
YOU CAN'T SEE IT NORMALLY, IT ONLY SHOWS WHEN BODY TEM ER TURE RISES.
IT'S CALLED A "WHITE TATTOO."
"FINE, I'LL TELL YOU"
YOU CAN'T BE EXHAUST- ED!
TOMO RROW
AND NEITHER SHOULD I, UNLESS I REST.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I DID IT WITH HIRIKI.

WHY DID HE SAY THAT 'IT'S THE TRUTH,' BUT STILL!
IT'S NOT LIKE THERE IS ANYBODY WAITING FOR YOU, IS THERE?
YOU CAN STAY HERE FOR A WHILE
HASUJI-MA-KUN,
I'LL LEAVE IT THERE
SHINO'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL THE PREPARATIONS, SO YOU CAN GO AND HAVE SOME REST.
TOMORROW WILL BE A NIGHT TO REMEMBER.
LATER
HIBIKI AND I ARE HAPPY
YOU'RE THE FIRST AND LAST GUEST TOUJOU EVER BROUGHT IN
THANK YOU, SHINO

IT HURTS...
WHAT THAT ...?
CELL PHONE...
THIS IS VOICE MAIL.
WHAT IS HE DOING?!
DID HE FORGET THAT TOMORROW WE HAVE A GERMAN TEST
NATSU-HIKO! HURRY UP AND EAT
COMING!
TAIKI

CAN'T SLEEP.
MY HEAD IS A MESS ...

WE AREN'T JUST AN ORNAMENT.
FAREWELL.
YOU CAN'T HARM ENGUJI HIBIKI.
BE QUIET AND WATCH CLOSELY.



A LOT OF THINGS ARE BOUND TO HAPPEN TOMORROW...

IS THAT HIBIKI

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YOSHI NORI...
HE WAS BURNING UP BACK THEN...
HE IS LIKE A DOLL...
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
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BUT ONLY ONE-WINGED
THAT GREAT!
SO, WHAT BIRD DID HASUJIMA TAIKI PROVE TO BE?
BUT EVEN THOUGH HE IS AWARE OF IT HE DOESN'T WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT.
SOON SOME-BODY IS TO APPEAR NEXT TO HIM.
IF HE FOCUSES ON DESIRE HE CAN BECOME QUITE A TATTOO ARTIST.
A DOCTOR MAKING TATTOOS.
YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT A HUMAN
A STUBBORN ONE JUST LIKE A CERTAIN SOMEONE

WHEN I SHOWED HIM HIRIKI'S TATTOOS FOR INSTANCE, HE SUDDENLY ASKED ME TO TEACH HIM TATTOOING.
THAT STARE...
IF HE PUT HIS DREAMS BEFORE HIS DUTY HE WILL CHANGE
HE REALLY WANTED TO LEARN PAINTING
MASTER TOUJOU YOSHINORI NOT WILLING TO DISCLOSE HIS ART TO OTHERS,
CARES SO MUCH ABOUT AN IRRESPONSIBLE BRAT...
YOU'RE FAVORING HIM SO MUCH
AND HE SAID "I'LL THINK ABOUT" RIGHT?
THEY'RE ALL TAKEN AWAY
HE'LL DIE IN 10 YEARS
THERE IS NO TIME TO DO IT STEP BY STEP
THERE IS NO TIME.
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WHEN I THINK ABOUT A LONELY DEPARTURE, I GET NERVOUS.
WHAT A SAD DEATH!

WELCOME E.T.
I HAVE DECIDED THAT I'LL TATTOO HIM TOMORROW EVENING!
DON'T FALL OUT
WHAT IS HE LOOKING AT...!?
TATTOO-ING CAN NOT BE LEARNED BY EXPLANA-TION.
HE CAN PREPARE
HE FEELS IT TOO...
HE'S ALL STRESSED.
IF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN NOW, I HAVE A FEELING I WON'T MAKE IT...
BUT AT LEAST I CAN LEAD HIM TO THIS DOOR.
SO NOW YOU WANT TO HAVE A STUDENT?
HE MAY EVEN GET BETTER THAN ME.
WILL HE BE ABLE TO OPEN THE DOOR OF THE CAGE BY HIMSELF?
WHO KNOWS IF HE CAN MAKE IT BEFORE DEATH.

OR ARE YOU GOING TO SPEND YOUR ENTIRE LIFE SUPPORTING HIRIKI
THINK ABOUT YOURSELF
ALL YOU'RE DOING IS FEEDING HIRIKI AND FISHES.
REPEATED PEEPING WILL DO YOU NO GOOD
SHINO, AS ALWAYS YOU'RE THINKING ONLY ABOUT HIRIKI.
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I ENTRUSTED HIM TO YOU?
ISN'T THAT WHY
WE CANNOT FLY TOGETHER.
THE PLACE WHERE I LIVE IS IN HIS "SHADOW"
BUT NO, FINE...
IT HASN'T HAPPENED NOT IN A LONG TIME
BEFORE THE FIGHT BEGINS THERE APPEARS VICTORY OR DEFEAT. YOU'RE PROVOKING ME AND LOSING ON PURPOSE
YOU CAN'T HELP IT, CAN YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO TATTOO ON ME?
HIRIKI'S SKIN IS WHITE AND THAT'S WHY EVERY COLOR CAN BE SEEN...
NO IDEA COMES TO MY MIND THAT WOULD SUIT YOU
DON'T MOVE
I'VE BARELY SCRATCHED THE SKIN, HAVEN'T I?
OUUUCH

TOUJOU...
IT COULD BE THE THING...
HIRIKI HAS ON HIS BACK...
"WINGS"
IT CAN'T DO.
I CAN TATTOO A DEMON ONLY ON HIRIKI.
WHY!?
I ONCE STOLE A PIECE OF HIS BODY.
IT'S COMPEN-SATION
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I'M USELESS
YOU ARE USELESS AS BOTH HUSBAND AND FATHER
SEI!!
I COULD TAKE SEI AWAY..
I HAD "WINGS"
I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE IF
I NEED TO KNOW THAT TATTOO
YOU'RE PROBABLY SCARED
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING
I SEE IT
?
!
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT
AH!
YOUR WIFE LEAVING YOU?
YOU'RE REALLY THAT HURT BY

"THE LOVED ONE LEAVES IN THE END"?
WHY!?
YOU TOOK LOVE FOR GRANTED AND DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THAT FEELING.
YOU THOUGHT IT WAS YOURS AND WERE CONFIDENT.
AND WHEN YOU WERE REJECTED
YOU SUFFERED
BUT YOUR WIFE WON'T COME BACK
WATCH IT
HOW I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF THIS PREACHING
WHO IS HE !?
EVEN IF HIS MIND FORGETS IT, HIS BLOOD WILL RECALL.
HE WILL COME BACK TO YOU FOR SURE
I COULD NOT TELL ALL THIS TO A STRANGER
THAT'S THE WAY I AM!
SO LISTEN
YOUR SON INHERITED YOUR BLOOD.
THIS MAN...

THAT'S WHY I HELPED YOU THAT TIME.
A CRIMSON BIRD
THAT GATHERED THE HIDDEN FLAME.
I CAN SEE THE "BIRD" LIVING WITHIN YOU. THIS IS NOT A BIRD THAT COMMON PEOPLE HAVE.
BUT YOU WON'T SURVIVE WITH JUST ONE WING.
UNLESS YOU ARE WITH ANOTHER ONE-WINGED BIRD, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FLY.
BIRD?

MURASAME
YOU WANT HIM AND ARE REPULSED AT THE SAME TIME.
I WANT
!?
IT'S THE ONE WHO IS USUALLY CLOSE TO YOU.

HE'LL ANSWER IF YOU CALL HIM.
MURASAME!!
HE DOESN'T KNOW IT YET. WAITING
YOU WANT TO BE WITH HIM, DON'T YOU?
ME AND THE MAN
WELL SAID
AAAAH
AAAH
ISN'T IT HIM THAT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT NOW?
HE'S THE ONE WHO APPEARED YESTERDAY WHEN YOU WERE WATCHING ME AND HISIKI

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LIKE THAT
REACH TOWARDS WHAT YOU REALLY WANT
YOU WANT IT THE MOST
MURA-SAME... NATSUHIKO
SPEAK HIS NAME,
TAIKI
WHATEVER IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?
NO HE AND I...
NATSUHIKO IS JUST AN ORDINARY STUDENT
YOU'RE AFRAID HE'S GOING TO LEAVE YOU, BUT IF YOU RESIST THE "DESIRE" YOU WILL REMAIN ONE-WINGED
YOU'LL END UP AS A PATHETIC GUY LEFT BY HIS WIFE AND CHILD
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DON'T LIE TO YOURSELF!!
YOU CAN ASCEND FOR HIM, YOU COULD FLY ANYWHERE
I WILL GET YOUR DESIRE OUT
TOUJOU...!?
YOU WILL GET YOUR "ONE WING" BY YOURSELF
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...!

TAIKI...
IT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER
IF YOU DO SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TATTOO ANY PATTERN, ANY COLOR
MUMMM!
AAA...
AAA
AAAH
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NATSUHIKO
MMMM
SPILL YOUR DESIRE INTO THE ONE YOU'RE TATTOOING AND BURN
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IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A TATTOO ARTIST, FIRST SEARCH FOR A PARTNER THAT...
YOU'D WANT TO "TATTOO" ISN'T THAT SO?
FEEL IT IMAGINE THAT I AM HIM AND GIVE IN.
MORE, MORE!
NATSU-HIKO...

WHAT?
HAVE YOU TATTOOED ON ME?
I CAN'T SEE THE COLOR
MM...
YOU'LL HAVE TO CHECK LATER
?
AFTER I TATTOOED THE "HUNDRED FLOWERS" ON HIEIKI
I SAID THERE WAS NO PLACE LEFT FOR ANYTHING ELSE. THAT'S WHEN HE SPOKE FOR THE FIRST TIME.
HE SAID "TATTOO UNDER THE WOUNDS"

I TATTOED "DEMON YASHA", THOSE WINGS...
IN HIS SCARRED SKIN..
NO!?
IN... THE CLOSING WOUNDS!?
YES, ROUGHLY.
WHEN THE SKIN IS WOUNDED IT'S DEEPER LAYERS APPEAR.
THAT'S WHY HIRIKI IS WOUNDED
HE DESIRES IT THE MORE HIS BODY SWELLS. "DEMON YASHA" ONLY APPEARS WHEN HIS FLESH IS HOT.

WHEN UNDER THE "HUNDRED FLOWERS" ON HIRIKI'S SKIN THE "DEMON YASHA" APPEARS
EVEN THE "HUNDRED FLOWERS" ARE SHINING, AND COLORS ARE BREATHING
I'M NOT WONDERING WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HIRIKI'S BODY
I KNEW I WAS DOING SOMETHING DANGEROUS, BUT WHEN I'M TATTOOING

AND THE DESIRE FOR "TATTOOING" TOOK OVER ME

I PERFECTED THE NEEDLE,
MAKING IT THINNER AND LONGER
AND STEP BY STEP I WAS INTRODUCING THE DYES DEEPER AND DEEPER
IF HIRIKI HADN'T TOLD ME TO, IT NEVER WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
I WAS JUST AN ORDINARY TATTOO ARTIST FOR THE MAFIA THANKS TO HIM I COULD BETTER MYSELF

CALM DOWN, YOUR TATTOO ISN'T DANGEROUS.
YOU TOLD ME EARLIER THAT THE TATTOO WAS A "COMPENSATION" AND THAT YOU TATTOOED IT ONLY FOR HIRIKI.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON.
"DEMON VASHA" IS THE WINGS OF THE RENEGADE DAWN DEVOURING THE TATTOOER
ONLY I CAN TATTOO IT AND ONLY ON HIRIKI.
I'M NOT GOING TO DISCLOSE MY ART TO ANYBODY.

I ASSAULT HIM WITH MY WORDS AND BODY IF I WEREN'T CHASING HIM
IT'S NO GOOD IF HE DOESN'T GET EXCITED AT LEAST THAT MUCH
TOUJOU-SAN, YOU AND HIRIKI
I GOT SCARED
TRYING TO STAB HIM IN THE HEART THAT TIME?
WHY WERE YOU
I WANT TO HEAR IT FINALLY.
BEAT HIS WINGS ONLY WHEN WITH ME. ?
IN MY ARMS HE GROWS WINGS AND IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS WHAT I FEEL FOR HIM, SOMEONE WHO CAN
HE'S LOOKING DIRECTLY FOR ME NOT LIKE YOU.
HE'S SWEET.

HIS WING WAS BEAUTIFUL AND SILVER LIKE SNOW, BUT—
TO ME BY SHINO, WHEN I FIRST MET HIM—
I ALSO SAW A BIRD
HIRIKI WAS INTRO-DUCED
HE'S NOT COLD!
STAINED WITH HIS BLOOD
ONE WING— ALL COVERED IN WOUNDS

UNTIL THEN I THOUGHT I WAS ALL ALONE.

I KNEW THAT BY BEING WITH HIM I COULD GET HIGHER

THE WINGS FLOWN IN SECRET

MY WINGS WERE BLACK

BUT HIEKI DEMONSTRATED TO ME WITH HIS BODY THAT HE NEEDS ME

CAN YOU... SEE THE FUTURE?
MY DEATH
...
HE FINALLY DECIDED?
YOU'LL DEPART IN PEACE, ATTENDED BY YOUR LOVED ONE.
BUT MY POWER ENDS THERE. I CAN'T PROLONG YOUR LIFE...
THAT'S GOOD
I WON'T DIE AT THE BOTTOM OF DESPAIR

DO AS I SAY.
WHAT HAPPENED?
STAY HERE
LOCK THE DOOR AND DON'T LEAVE
WHAT...?

SHINO! SHINOMIYA!!
WHAT HAPPENED!? YOU'RE PALE...
WHERE'S HIBIKI!?
IN THE BACKYARD GARDEN
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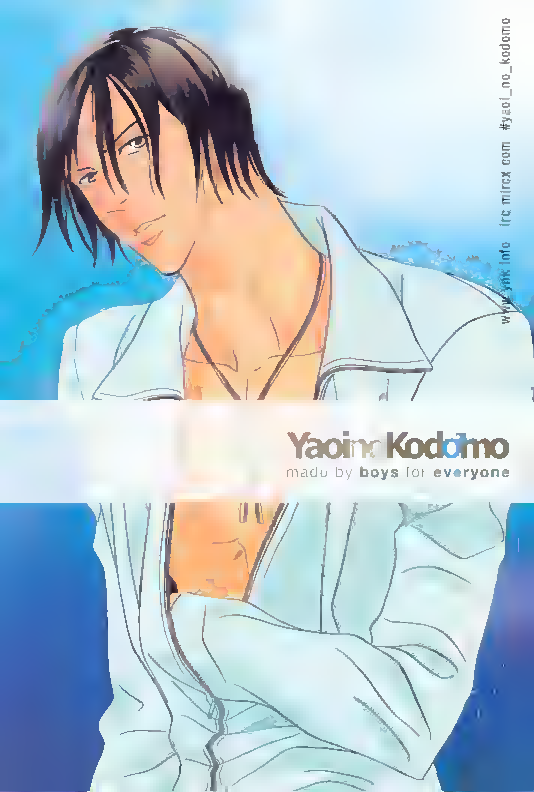
BECAUSE HE WENT TO LOOK FOR THE BIRD AGAIN...
WHY DIDN'T YOU GO WITH HIM!?
NO!
HIBIKI!
GUNFIRE...?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